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The Shinsengumi, were renowned in Kyoto for their fight against submission to the imperial government. Their continuous battles brought them up north, arriving in Ezochi. (Note: "Ezochi" was Hokkaido's name during the Meiji period)

Aya Kanno gives her all, presenting the beliefs and honour of these shinsengumi warriors!

Summary

Keou year 3 (end of Edo period, 1867), the Tokugawa shogunate surrenders ruling power to the Meiji Imperial government. The shinsengumi, renowned for their disagreement to the shogunate's decision, faught fiercely.

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This story revolves around Toshizou Hijikata, and tells of the beliefs and honour adopted by the Shinsengumi warriors. Aya Kanno presents "Hokusou Shinsengumi"!

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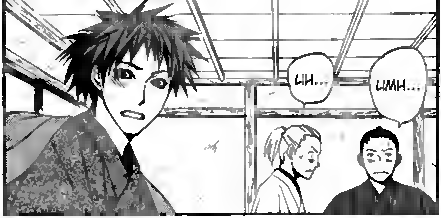
This work is fiction. The characters, organizations and incidents in this story have no relation to reality whatsoever.

Return to
the Azure

I SHALL TAKE...
THAT LIFE OF YOURS.
YOU ARE...

LIEUTENANT OF THE SHINSENGUMI,
TOSHIZOU HIJIKATA-!!
Keiou 3 (1867)
IT WAS THE YEAR OF THE SHOGUNATE
WHO SUBMITTED TO THE IMPERIAL RULE
THE ERA OF THE SAMURAI WAS COMING TO AN END.
WHAT'S TO BECOME OF US NOW, HUH?
I WON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN!
I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM TOKYO TO ENLIST!
AFTERALL, WE ARE CHIVALROUS.

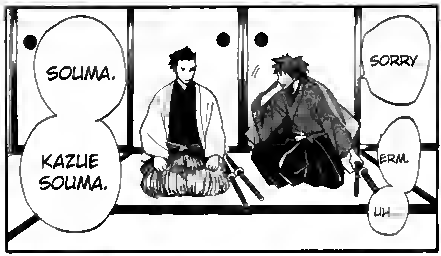
I HEARD THAT YESTERDAY ANOTHER FELLA WAS DONE FOR.
WHAT...
WE'VE GOT A CAPTAIN... BUT THE LIEUTENANT'S THE ONE WHO DIRECTLY CONDUCTS THE SHINSENGUMI.
OH.. YOU MEAN BY THAT LIEUTENANT HIJIKATA...
MEN, DOUBTING THEIR DECISIONS..
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEM..!
IT'S A DEATH SENTENCE TO LEAVE.
YOU WON'T BE LEAVING WITH THE REST OF YOUR BODY;
WE CAN'T JUST PACK AND LEAVE NOW...
HE'S GOT A PRETTY FACE...
BUT HE'S A DEVIL INSIDE.
IF YOU BROKE THE RULES, IT DIDN'T MATTER IF YOU WERE AN EXECUTIVE OR HIS COMRADE;
HE SHOWS NO MERCY.
WHY YOU...
TO HANDLE A MOB OF MERE BRUTE AND FORCE...
THE DEVIL INDEED.
JERKS!!
DAMMIT...
I CAN'T TAKE THEM BITCHING ABOUT THE LIEUTENANT ANYMORE..


UH...
UMH...

THOSE GOONS...
AREN'T WORTHY AS WARRIORS.

PUT AWAY YOUR SOWRD, RISABUROU NOMURA.
AN INTERNAL RUSE IS ALSO A VIOLATION.

HE'S.. ON MY SIDE...
!


SOUMA.
KAZUE SOUMA.
SORRY
ERM.
UH...

...THAT KNOWS NO "TRUST" AND "HONOR."
THE LIEUTENANT HAS TO BECOME THE DEVIL.

I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM THEM.
I'M NOT AS NOBLE AS YOU THINK I AM.
SOUMA.
.....
.....

I'D ONCE WANTED TO QUIT THE SHINSEN-GUMI.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YES THAT'S WHY
THAT WAS WHEN... I DIED.
SINCE THEN, MY LIFE
BELONG-ED TO THE SHIN-SENGUMI
IN A TIME OF TURMOIL, A TRUE MAN CANNOT JUST SIT STILL.
I SET OUT IN SEEK OF BECOMING A GREAT WARRIOR. I SEARCHED FOR A PLACE TO PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE--EDO, OSAKA.
I FOUND THE SHINSEN-GUMI AND ENLISTED.
BUT MY SQUAD WAS ELIMIN-ATED DUE TO INTERNAL CONFLICT.
THE TRUE WARRIOR I SEEK IS NOT THERE. I THOUGHT.
I LOST THE MEANING OF HONOR. I WAS SO IN DESPAIR THAT

I INDULGED IN WOMEN
ARE YOU..
REALLY GOING TO LEAVE THEM... FOR ME?
ME TOO... RISA-URU.
I'D DIE FOR YOU....
I LOVE... YOU...
I'LL BE WITH YOU SOON.
REALLY?
YEAH... SOON.
SO DON'T WORRY.
YEAH.
I WILL.
THEY PAY WELL AT THE SHINSENGUMI. WHEN I'D SAVED UP ENOUGH MONEY...
AND FLEE WITH HER.
I PROMISED HER THAT I'D WITHDRAW FROM THE SQUAD...

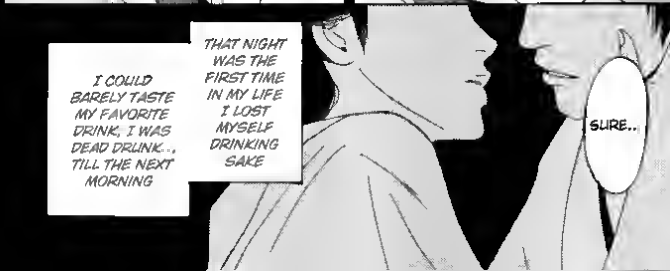
*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: SHIMABARA WAS A FAMOUS RED-LIGHT DISTRICT.
...WAS TO GET OUT OF THE SQUAD.
ALL I HAD LEFT TO DO
HEY, NOMURA!
SHIMABARA AGAIN??
HAHA
OFF DUTY
HOW NICE~
I GUESS...
NEVER AGAIN
WILL I CROSS THESE GATES.
IF I EVER DO AGAIN, THEN...
MY LIFE ENDS.
THAT WOULD BE WHEN...
BETRAYAL
IMMORALITY
DISLOYALTY
MY UNRESOLUTE PATH--
I CAN'T HELP IT
DOES IT MATTER??
IT'S FOR THE WOMAN I LOVE.
SHE'S ESCAPING WITH ME TOO.

THAT DOESN'T SOUND BAD
I COULD HAVE A MODEST YET PEACE-FUL LIFE
I STILL CAN HAVE A WARM HUMBLE FAMILY WITH THE LOVE OF MY LIFE.
EVEN IF I CAN'T BECOME A GREAT WARRIOR,

NOT BAD AT ALL...

OH THANK YOU!!
I BROUGHT THE MONEY TOO SO WE'RE GOOD TO GO.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY WITHDREW FROM THEM!!
HEY THERE
RISABU-ROU!

IT'S OUR LAST NIGHT HERE,
SO LET'S DRINK TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT.


I COULD BARELY TASTE MY FAVORITE DRINK, I WAS DEAD DRUNK.., TILL THE NEXT MORNING
THAT NIGHT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I LOST MYSELF DRINKING SAKE
SURE..

MEANING THE GIRL FLED WITH THE MONEY AND ANOTHER GUY.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPILL ON THE GIRL'S WHEREABOUTS THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL.
SOME-ONE SAW HER RUN OFF WITH ANOTHER MAN.
DON'T SAY YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, MR. SAMU-RAI
WHEN I CAME TO,
MY GIRL AND MY MONEY WERE ALL GONE.
UNFORTUN-ATELY I'M PENNILESS NOW.
HOW PATHETIC.
SHUT UP AND JUST YOU WATCH!
RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SHOP HE SAYS!
HOW FOOLISH!
THUD
I'LL PAY YOU...
SO PATHETIC THAT I SHOULD DIE...
EITHER WAY I'D HAVE TO GO THROUGH "SEPPUKU" FOR LEAVING THE SQUAD.
I NEED TO SAVE THE LAST DIGNITY I HAVE
WITH MY LIFE!

*"SEPPUKU" = SUICIDE RITUAL DONE BY SAMURAI; INVOLVES SLICING OF THE STOMACH WITH HIS OWN SWORD/KATANA

..WHERE DOES MY HONOR LIE?
I, RISABUROU NOMURA, CHARGED WITH CODE VIOLATION,
SWOOSH
WILL PERFORM THE SEPPUKU!!
I WAS ON MY WAY TO BECOMING A GREAT WARRIOR BUT I ABANDONED MY SQUAD
IF THERE'S ANY HONOR LEFT FOR ME THEN AT LEAST
LET ME BE A PSEUDO-WARRIOR IN THE NAME OF THE CODE!!
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES FOR A WARRIOR TO DIE IN THE NAME OF HONOR...
DECIDE NOR DENY SUCH JUDGE-MENT.
IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO...
STAND BACK!
HEY,
HOLD IT YOU!
CODE VIOLATION--
IT CAN'T BE!
THIS AURA!!
FREEZE
ON WHAT GROUNDS DO YOU MAKE SUCH CLAIMS

I CAN'T MOVE!
I REALLY WANTED TO BE-COME A WARRIOR!!
I REALLY...
WHERE'S MY HON-OR...
I DON'T GET IT...
I...
I...
HERE...
..IS NOT THE RIGHT DEATH-PLACE FOR A WARRIOR.
I SHALL CLAIM...

THAT LIFE OF YOURS.

THUD
BANG
BOMB
DOES THIS SIGNIFY THAT WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THE MODERNIZED ENEMY TROOPS...
BUT STILL...
STILL I..
NOMURA
IS A WARRIOR'S SPIRIT.. OR HIS SWORDS...
JUST MERE SCRAPS?!
A KATANA CANNOT TRIUMPH FIREARMS...
HAHA.
WE CAN'T MAKE IT WITH SPEARS AND SWORDS FROM HERE ON
LIELITE-NANT...

FROM HERE ON...
'SIR!
SHIMADA!
GATHER ENOUGH GUNS AND UNIFORMS FOR THE WHOLE TROOP BEFORE THE NEXT BATTLE!
YES SIR!
WHAT SHOULD...
...WE DO FROM HERE ON?
HOW CAN HE JUST
KEEP LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD...
...WHEN THERE'S NO FUTURE FOR US?
JUST REMAIN THE WARRIOR YOU ARE.
!
I SEE...
SO THIS IS...
A TRUE WARRIOR!!
THESE SAMURAI WHO LOST THIS BATTLE WERE FORSAKEN BY THE TOKUGAWA... LATER---

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NO WAY...
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